

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-52 are pending in the present application, with claims 23, 40, 46, 49 and 51 being independent. Applicant has canceled claims 1 – 52 and has added claims 53 – 66.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention may be directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has canceled claim 46 which respectfully renders Examiner's rejection moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 23-26, 29-41, 43-47 and 49-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over US Patent Publication No. 2002/0144153 ("LeVine") in view of US Patent No. 6,954,319 ("Yanagita") in view of US Patent No. 6,870,887 ("Kauffman"). Applicant has canceled claims 23-26, 29-41, 43-47 and 49-52 which respectfully renders Examiner's rejection moot.

The Examiner has rejected claims 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over US Patent Publication No. 2002/0144153 ("LeVine") in view of US Patent No. 6,954,319 ("Yanagita") in view of US Patent No. 6,870,887 ("Kauffman") in view of US Publication 2003/0155413 ("Kovesdi"). Applicant has canceled claims 27 and 28 which respectfully renders Examiner's objection moot.

The Examiner has rejected pending claims 42 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over US Patent Publication No. 2002/0144153 ("LeVine") in view of US Patent No. 6,954,319 ("Yanagita") in view of US Patent No. 6,870,887 ("Kauffman") in view of US Publication 2001/0020981 ("Jun"). Applicant has canceled claims 42 and 48 which respectfully renders Examiner's objection moot.

Summary

Applicant has canceled claims 1 – 52 and has added claims 53 – 72. Claims 53 and 67 are independent.

Conclusion

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 – 52 and has added claims 53 - 72. Claims 53 and 67 are independent claims. Applicant asserts that the claims as presented herein are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated herein and are therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance for the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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